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1. During the period from 4 to 9 October 1952, troops arrived in the area of Jersau by rail and road. Troops were later seen assembled on both sides of the Elbe River between Dessau and Aken as far as Zerbst on the north and as far as Ranguhn and Koethen on the south. Source believed that they had assembled for maneuvers. Three bridges were built between the Elbe River markers Nos 268 and 276 during the night on 11 October. Two bridges had a load capacity up to 60 tons. One was a wooden emergency bridge. Source thought that the maneuver headquarters was located in Rosselau.¹

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3. On 4 October, the Reuss Kaserne in Gera was occupied by about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Sixteen prime movers and 12 guns which source believed were 122-mm field howitzers were cleaned in the installation. At 10 a.m. on 7 October, 4 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns ran to the Galgenberg (hill). Each vehicle was occupied by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.³ On 7 October, the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz was occupied by about 200 soldiers.⁴

25X1 4. On 7 October, the Infanterie Kaserne in Zeitz was occupied by about 550 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and by about 70 women. On 7 October, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 900 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At 6:30 a.m. on 7 October, four groups of 150 soldiers were lined. [REDACTED]

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5. About 1 p.m. on 10 October, 26 T-34 tanks were unloaded at the Crimna railroad station. [REDACTED] Also unloaded were 6 boxcars with personnel and 31 officers with tank insignia and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying tank trucks [REDACTED]

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guns. The tanks moved to the Strasburg Kaserne and the trucks went to the Elsner Kaserne. On 10 October, the headquarters building of the NAVFLA was occupied.⁶

25X1 1. [] Comment. These fall exercises of the Eighth Cds Army which were held in the Dessau area with elements of the IV Arty Corps were previously indicated in a compilation from the Erfurt transportation control headquarters by the trains shipped there and by reports of numerous other sources.

The bridges were built in the Elbe River area between Witten and Rietzneuk and were known from previous reports.

25X1 2. [] Comment. These movements of units of the 9th Meck Div southwest of the Wehrwasser training grounds were probably made in conjunction with the last exercises of this division held prior to its return to its military posts and after 4 October. []

25X1 3. [] Comment. The first unloading of heavy guns in Gera was observed by this and another source on 1 and 2 October. Records of the Erfurt transportation control headquarters indicated that three trains went from Ohrdruf to Gera during the period from 30 September to 2 October and, on 6 and 7 October, four trains of the unidentified artillery brigade of the XXVIII Cds Meck Rifle Corps from Ohrdruf to the training areas north of Dessau. []

25X1 4. [] Comment. The occupation of the barracks installation in Gera-Titz is still unclear.

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25X1 It is believed, however, that the units reported were 25X1 units of the Eighth Cds Meck Div which returned to their posts. []

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